



## Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)*

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- **Take the Cultural Resources Management Plan Survey** - The Indiana DNR's Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is conducting a periodic revision of The Indiana Cultural Resources Management Plan. This document provides direction for efforts to preserve the state's vast array of cultural resources. Here is how you can help-visit the DHPA's website at [www.IN.gov/dnr/historic](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic) to take a brief survey about Indiana's preservation efforts and needs. Survey responses will be collected from May 1 to September 30, 2011. It only takes a few minutes to complete, but your input is extremely valuable to us. Your feedback will help shape the goals that guide preservation and archaeology efforts throughout Indiana for the next seven years! If you are not familiar with the current plan, feel free to access the document at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/dnrmgmtplan.pdf>.
- **Indiana Archaeology Month** - September will be Indiana Archaeology Month, and we encourage you to organize and host an event. If you already know that you will be hosting an event, feel free to go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4288.htm> and click on the link that says *Event Host Confirmation Form*. There you will find the official form to complete and return to our office so that your event(s) can be included in the official Calendar of Events for Archaeology Month. If you have any questions about planning or hosting an event, feel free to contact our Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, Amy Johnson, and 317/232-6982 or [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov).
- **Outreach in Indianapolis** - On Thursday, April 14, 2011, State Archaeologist Rick Jones conducted a Master Naturalist class on Indiana Archaeology. The class was in Indianapolis, at Holliday Park Nature Center, 6:30-9:30 P.M. A variety of topics were covered, including archaeology in general, methods and field techniques, past cultures, artifacts, examples of sites, archaeology specific to the county, history of Indiana archaeology, importance of archaeology, how to get involved, statutes, and other topics.



- **Archaeological site of the month** - The Lanier Mansion Site (12Je490) has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1994. That same year, the Lanier Mansion was also designated as a National Historic Landmark. The house, built between 1840 and 1844, was the home of James F. D. Lanier who was one of the pioneers of Madison, Indiana. Lanier was one of the most important and influential people in Indiana's early history, being involved in early State government, as well as in banking and the development of railroads within the State. The Lanier Mansion is one of the best examples of Greek Revival architecture in the country and was designed and built by Francis Costigan.

In 1917, Lanier's youngest son donated the property to the Jefferson County Historical Society and it was operated as the Lanier Memorial Museum. In 1925 the Historical Society turned the property over to the State of Indiana and the building was opened the following year as Madison's first historic house museum. Today, the Lanier Mansion is a State Historic Site and run through the Indiana State Museum.



Archaeologists from the Indiana State Museum have conducted archaeological investigations at the Lanier Mansion since 1992, many of which were part of the Lanier State Historical Site Public Archaeology Program. The artifacts from this project are curated at the Indiana State Museum, and many of the artifacts and features found date prior to the construction of the mansion. The Lanier Mansion Site has also been the topic of several Master's thesis from the Anthropology Department at Ball State University.

To learn more about the Lanier Mansion got to:

<http://www.indianamuseum.org/sites/lani.html>  
<http://www.indianamuseum.org/about/collection/hist.html>  
<http://www.indianamuseum.org/sites/lanieduc.html>  
<http://tps.cr.nps.gov/nhl/detail.cfm?ResourceId=1305&ResourceType=Building>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lanier\\_Mansion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lanier_Mansion)  
[http://www.roundaboutmadison.com/Inside%20Pages/Archived%20Articles/2003/3\\_03%20Lanier%20Dig.html](http://www.roundaboutmadison.com/Inside%20Pages/Archived%20Articles/2003/3_03%20Lanier%20Dig.html)  
<http://visitmadison.org/category/what-to-do/historic-sites/>

- **Outreach at Angel Mounds State Historic Site**- On Friday May 13, 2011, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Carson will participate for the second year in Archaeology CSI Day at Angel Mounds in Evansville. Archaeology CSI (Cultural Scene Investigation) Day is designed for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade math and science students and will allow the student s to experience the science of Archaeology in action. Cathy will again run a station on lithics and students can learn how archaeologists identify and classify chipped and ground stone artifacts. The students can also learn how archaeologists are using techniques involving residue analysis in order to better understand past human lifeways.

- **Award for Outstanding Archaeology Project**- This year's award, presented by the DHPA, went to Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Archaeological Survey for the recent, substantial, and excellent body of research, archaeological investigations, and public outreach concerning Late Prehistoric sites through Historic Preservation Fund grant-assisted projects in Allen, Clark, Dekalb, and Hamilton Counties. These projects have greatly contributed to our understanding of the nature and distribution of Late Prehistoric cultures in Indiana. IPFW-Archaeological Survey has focused efforts in recording new sites all across Clark County and intensively investigated Late Prehistoric habitation sites at the Smith-Sutton site, the Ellingsworth Enclosure, and the New Washington Earthwork to enhance our understanding of these cultures.

The award was presented April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Preserving Historic Places conference in Indianapolis. To learn more about the survey and its archaeological programs, go to <http://new.ipfw.edu/centers/archaeology/>.



Presentation of the plaque for the Award for Outstanding Archaeology Project.

- **NEPA training** - On March 23, 2011, Dr. Rick Jones and John Carr of the DHPA gave a presentation to a NEPA training class on tips for submission of projects for a quicker and more efficient review. The class was organized by Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates, Inc., for INDOT and FHWA, and was held in Indianapolis in the Indiana Government Center South. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.
- **HPF grant presentation** - Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson attended the public presentation by representatives of the Applied Archaeology Laboratories (Ball State University) at the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The presentation summarized the goals, methods and results from the project, an archaeological survey of hundreds of acres of land in the county. This project was funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service's Historic Preservation fund (HPF), administered by the DHPA.



Members of the audience at the BSU presentation. One is holding a tray of representative artifacts found during the survey project.

- **Change in DHPA staff** - Karie Brudis resigned from her position as Assistant Director for Environmental Review in March, and her last day with the DHPA was April 1, 2011. We will keep you up to date when we know more about the selection of a new Assistant Director.
- **Cemetery restoration workshop** – The DNR/DHPA and the Indiana Historical Society are sponsoring a cemetery preservation/restoration workshop on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> in Southport, Indiana. Learn about proper restoration techniques, conducting research, cemetery laws, and more. To find out more, go to [http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-Cemetery\\_Workshop\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-Cemetery_Workshop_Flyer.pdf).
- **Grassroots Preservation Roundup Idea Exchange** - The Roundup is an annual, informal networking event open to anyone interested in local history and the preservation of historic and archaeological resources. The free program is sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. Come to this get-together May 14<sup>th</sup> (10am- noon) to hear what else is happening in preservation near you. Make connections with other local individuals with a passion for history, as well as representatives from the State Historic Preservation Office. The Roundup this year is being held at the Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library, 1110 E. Main St., Greensburg, IN. For more information or to RSVP, e-mail [assistants@dnr.in.gov](mailto:assistants@dnr.in.gov) or call (317) 234-1268 or go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-Roundup.pdf>.
- **Outreach to Science Club** - On Wednesday April 13, 2010, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Carson gave a presentation on Archaeology to the Science Club students at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Indianapolis. The kids learned about the science of Archaeology, and one of the activities included the “What’s in the Trash” game to help the students understand how archaeologists have to infer how people once lived based on the remains (or trash) that they left behind. The students were also able to look at some real artifacts.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>

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**Mission Statement:** *The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts, financial incentives including several grant and tax credit programs, and the administration of state and federally mandated legislation.*

